

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Written comments on a paper document cannot be processed automatically using current optical character recognition (OCR) technology. For these reasons, most users choose to retrieve the electronic document. However, this may not be possible, because the electronic copy may no longer exist. ~~If~~If the electronic copy exists, it may not be accessible. For example, the electronic copy may be located behind a corporate firewall or on a storage device (such as a floppy disk) that is not network accessible. ~~If~~If the device is network accessible, the network may be so busy that downloading the document takes a prohibitive amount of time, or the person wishing to obtain it might not have a network connection at all.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Computing devices 12, 22 and 32 are generally attached to the paper document with an adhesive. The adhesive may be permanent or enable removal of the computing device. Other methods of attachment may also be employed, such as a reinforced hole with a paper clip or string to hold the computing device. For documents with multiple pages, a spiral binding may hold the pages together as ~~self~~well as providing a means to attach the computing device. A tag or label with machine readable code may be attached to the computing device 12, 22, 32 to facilitate identification by a system device.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

A programmable document is generally created from a digital file (step 42 in Fig. 4). The digital file may be stored in an electronic information system or a personal computer ~~30-130~~ (Fig. 2). In the case where a programmable document is created by making a copy of another programmable document, the digital file comes from the scanned image of the recorded text on the original programmable document. A digital file is sent to recording device ~~32-36~~ where it is recorded on a sheet of material such as paper ~~24-124~~ (step 44). Recording device ~~32-36~~ includes a read/write device 38 which stores data in programmable document computers and reads data

from programmable document computers.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Read/write device ~~34~~38 stores metadata (such as, a copy of the digital file, author, date of recording, etc.) in a computing device such as an iButton ~~22-122~~ (step 46). Read/write device ~~34~~38 associates the paper document 124 with the iButton ~~22-122~~ (step 48) and sends a notice of this to personal computer ~~30~~130. Then the iButton ~~22-122~~ is attached to the paper ~~24-124~~ (step 50) and programmable document ~~20-120~~ is created.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

If the memory in iButton ~~22-122~~ is not sufficient to store the digital file, a URL of the location of the associated digital file in an electronic information system may be stored instead. If a programmable document 10 is scanned by recording device 36 and its associated computing device 12 is read by reader 38, the reader can use the URL to obtain the digital file from network 100 (Fig. 3). If the URL is an internet address, then the reader must be connected to the Internet either directly or through network 100.